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July, 1953

To :-

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Basingstoke.

I beg to present my Report for the year 1952, this being my thirteenth and last annual report as your Medical Officer.

Yours faithfully,

M. AVENT

Medical Officer of Health.

1. STATISTICS

(a) POPULATION - Registrar General's Estimate.....17,220
(Mid 1952)

(b) BIRTHS :-

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Live. (Legitimate.....291	141	150)	..Birth Rate.....17.6	
(Illegitimate....13	7	6)	England & Wales..15.3	
Still.....3	2	1...	Rate per 1,000	
			Births.....9.9	

(c) <u>DEATHS:-</u>	175	91	84...Death Rate.....9.8
			England & Wales...11.3

Deaths of Infants under 1 year.....3

Deaths from:-	Cancer.....	29
	Heart & Arterial Diseases....	62
	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	4
	Pneumonia.....	7
	Violence & Suicide.....	6

2.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

Notifications Received:-

Scarlet Fever.....	4
Whooping Cough.....	13
Measles.....	6
Polio-myelitis.....	2
Pneumonia.....	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	16
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	1
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	2
Food Poisoning.....	1
Paratyphoid.....	2

The Town was again fortunate in having only a small amount of Infectious Disease.

The Polio-myelitis cases were moderately severe in character.

The Scarlet Fever cases were mild and were treated at home.

The virtual disappearance of Diphtheria, to which the immunisation Campaign has presumably contributed, and the greatly reduced seriousness of Scarlet Fever, are noteworthy and not entirely explicable features of today.

The rather high number of Tuberculosis notifications in recent years is largely the result of mass radiography.

3.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Number of Children who completed treatment.....225

Under 5 years.....208

5 years and under 15 years..17

In addition, 212 Children, previously immunised, were given "re-inforcing" injections.

4.

WATER SUPPLY

The Water Supply of the Town has been analysed regularly and frequently and the Analyst's Reports shew that it is entirely satisfactory.

5.

HOUSING

(a) During the year 1952 the following new dwelling-houses were completed :-

	(Traditional Type Houses.....	33
	(" " Flats.....	28
Council Owned	(" " Aged Persons'	
	(Dwellings.....	3
	(Prefabricated Houses - "Wates"....	16
Privately Owned.....		27
Built by Housing Associations.....		26

(b) Since the War, to 31st. December, 1952, 695 Houses have been completed for the Council, and 178 for Private Persons and Associations.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOROUGH SANITARY INSPECTOR

(A) INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. MILK

One Hundred and Thirteen (113) Samples of Milk were taken during the year, and the results of the analyses were as follows:-

"Pasteurised" Milk:-

Samples taken.....	109
Satisfactory.....	94
Unsatisfactory.....	15

"Tuberculin Tested Pasteurised" Milk:-

Samples taken.....	3
Satisfactory.....	3

"Tuberculin Tested" Milk:-

Samples taken.....	1
Satisfactory.....	1

2. ICE CREAM

During the year 18 Samples of Ice Cream were submitted for analysis, with the following results:-

Grade 1.....	8
2.....	3
3.....	4
4.....	3

The three Samples falling into Grade 4 are considered most unsatisfactory, but it is pleasing to report that following contact with the Producers concerned, the Grades were eventually raised to Grade 1.

3. MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

1,357 visits have been made to the Slaughterhouse and other Food Premises during the year, and 12,446 carcasses have been inspected. In all, 7 tons 15 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs. of food have been condemned as unfit for human consumption. This weight does not include canned and packeted foods. Much time has again been given to the inspection of Food Premises. During the year the Council adopted Byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 for securing the observance of sanitary and cleanly conditions and Practices in connection with the Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the Open Air. A water supply, complete with tap, has been provided to the rear of the Town Hall for the use of Stallholders in the Market Place.

Condemned:-	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number Killed.....	42	60	1,208	10,251	885	12,446
Number Inspected.....	42	60	1,208	10,251	885	12,446
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis:-</u>						
Whole Carcasses condemned...	1	13	1	5	17	37
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.....	9	19	9	900	48	985
Percentage Diseased	23.8	53.0	0.82	8.82	7.34	8.21
<u>Tuberculosis:-</u>						
Whole Carcasses condemned...	-	7	-	-	1	8
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.....	-	-	-	-	5	5
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis.....	-	11.6	-	-	0.67	0.10

4. NOTICES

248 Notices (Written and Verbal, & including 7 Statutory Notices) were served during the year.

5. COMPLAINTS

364 Complaints have been received and dealt with.

6. RODENT CONTROL

During the year 155 complaints were received and 2,200 visits made in connection with baiting and poisoning at Rat and Mouse infested premises; maintenance treatment of Sewers was also carried out with satisfactory results. 3,228 poisoned baits were laid, with 645 complete takes, and 962 partial takes; therefore it can be assumed that considerable numbers of Rats and Mice were destroyed.

From the number of complaints received and the results of subsequent treatment carried out, Rodent Control does still appear to be a necessary and valuable service of the Public Health Department.

7. FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

Part I

(i) Inspections, &c.

Number on Register.....139
Inspections.....61
Notices.....13

(ii) Defects found:-

Want of cleanliness.....2

Sanitary Conveniences:-

(a) Insufficient.....6
(b) Unsuitable or defective.....3
(c) Not separate for sexes.....-

Others.....8

Part VIII

Outwork:-

Wearing apparel.....27
(Making, etc.)

(B) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

8. TABLE I

(a) CLASSIFIED STATEMENT OF PREMISES INSPECTED.

Inspections under the Housing & Public Health Acts...	514
Works in Progress.....	40
Re-inspections.....	429
Visits to Slaughterhouse.....	506
Food Premises.....	933
Restaurants.....	29
In connection with Infectious Diseases	27
Public Conveniences.....	47
Shops Acts.....	26
Pet Shops.....	4
Rats and Mice Destruction Act.....	2,200
Overcrowding.....	1
Water-courses.....	176
Petroleum Act.....	26
Factories Act.....	61
Dairies and Milkshops.....	99
Knackers Yards.....	3
Common Lodging House.....	8
Tents, Vans and Sheds.....	170
Ice Cream Premises.....	41
Smoke observations.....	5
Rag Flock Act.....	1
Marine Store Dealers.....	5
Miscellaneous Visits.....	216
Interviews.....	129
Total.....	5,696

(b) DRAINAGE

Smoke Tests Applied.....	3
Water Tests Applied.....	4
Systems Exposed.....	4

(c) INFECTED ROOMS AND ARTICLES

Rooms Disinfected.....	30
Books Disinfected.....	10
Bedding Disinfected.....	18 Lots

(a) INFESTATION

Rooms Disinfested.....	41
Bedding, &c. Disinfested.....	12 Lots
Bedding Destroyed.....	2 Lots

9. TABLE II DEFECTIVE CONDITIONS RECORDED

<u>Water Supply</u>	Defective fittings, &c.....	4
	Internal supply provided.....	2
<u>Water Closets</u>	Defective buildings.....	2
	Defective pans.....	17
	Defective flush pipes.....	4
	Defective flushing cisterns.....	29
	Defective walls, floors, roofs etc.....	10
	Unventilated.....	4
<u>Drains</u>	Drainage systems needing reconstruction..	7
	Choked drains.....	16
	Defective gullies.....	2
	Not provided with means of access.....	1
	Cesspools requiring cleansing.....	2
<u>Manholes</u>	Defective brickwork, frames and covers...	2
<u>Soil Pipes & Ventilation Shafts</u>		
	Lack of Soil Pipe.....	1
	Defective Soil Pipe.....	1
	Defective Ventilation Shaft.....	1
<u>Sinks, Baths, etc. and Waste Pipes</u>		
	Defective, insanitary, or absence of, sinks, baths and lavatory basins.....	6
	Defective waste pipes.....	4
	Untrapped waste pipes.....	6
<u>Dustbins</u>	Defective.....	46
<u>Yards</u>	Defective paving.....	1
	Lack of drainage.....	1
	Requiring cleansing.....	1
<u>Dampness</u>	Defective roofs.....	22
	Defective gutters and rain-water pipes..	23
	Floor space unventilated.....	1
	Defective window and door reveals.....	9
	Defective external walls.....	7

General

Defective walls and ceilings.....	34
Dirty rooms (walls and ceilings).....	9
Verminous rooms.....	41
Defective windows and doors.....	25
Defective floors.....	13
Defective stoves.....	10
Defective coppers.....	1
Defective and smoky chimneys.....	13
Defective food stores.....	1
Accumulations.....	6

Other Matters

Shop premises requiring cleansing.....	2
Shop premises unventilated.....	2
Defective or insanitary urinals.....	5
Water courses requiring cleansing.....	1
Lack of provision for hot water to Food Premises (Water Heaters, &c. provided).....	3
Animals improperly kept.....	1
Miscellaneous.....	33

Wm. J. TILEY

Senior Sanitary Inspector



